

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A high-pressure metal halide discharge lamp, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising a filling, wherein the filling ~~consists essentially of~~ includes zinc, a halogen and a rare gas, wherein at least a portion of the zinc and at least a portion of the halogen are present as zinc halogenide in an amount greater than further halogenides.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the halogen is iodine and the zinc halogenide is the zinc iodide.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ an overall amount of the

halogen is between 1 and 30  $\mu\text{mole}/\text{cm}^3$ , an overall amount of the zinc is more than 1  $\mu\text{mole}/\text{cm}^3$ , and the zinc/halogen molar ratio is greater than 0.5.

4. (Currently Amended) A The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the zinc/halogen molar ratio is greater than 1.

5. (Currently Amended) A The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a coupling-in of energy takes place without electrodes in the radio-frequency range (0.1-1000 MHz) or in the microwave range (greater than 1000 MHz).

6. (Currently Amended) A The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ a coupling-in of energy takes place by means of metal electrodes.

7. (Currently Amended) A The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it additionally comprises wherein~~ the filling further comprises a calcium halide, with an overall

amount of calcium being at least 1 nmole/cm<sup>3</sup>.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it additionally comprises further comprising a lamp tube including quartz, aluminum oxide, or yttrium-aluminum garnet.~~